

**Creating an equitable, accessible, safe, and just society**

* **Package of accessibility proposals** focuses on improving accessibility for people who have neurological, sensory or intellectual disabilities in areas that they often experience challenges.

**SF 1348/HF 139, SF 1349/HF 193, SF 1556/HF 1361, SF 1961/HF 1362**

* **Cassie’s Law** allows judges to order neuropsychological evaluations of people with a history of stroke, brain injury or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder prior to sentencing, to improve outcomes for people caught up in the criminal justice system. **SF 611/HF 856**
* **Rare Disease Access Bill** ensures that a person enrolled in a health plan can receive needed services related to the diagnosis and treatment of a rare disease or condition without access restrictions or greater financial burden for going out-of-network. **SF 464/HF626**
* **Seizure Smart Schools** will improve the safety of students by increasing access to seizure action plans for students with epilepsy and seizure response training materials for staff. **SF 654/HF469**
* **Spinal Cord and Traumatic Brain Injury Research Grant Program** funds research for spinal cord and traumatic brain injury research in Minnesota. Funds are appropriated by the Office of Higher Education through a state council composed of community members, clinicians, and researchers. **SF1418**

**Promoting diversity, inclusion, and equity**

* **PCA rate reform** stabilizes rates for Personal Care Assistance services to increase wages and address the workforce shortage. **SF 497/HF 663**
* **Rare Disease Advisory Council** changes the Minnesota Rare Disease Advisory Council to allow the council to operate independently and advocate for policy priorities in the interest of the rare disease community.
* **Expanding the Definition of Brain Injury** allows people who have acquired a brain injury because of fetal alcohol exposure to be eligible to apply for the Brain Injury waiver. **SF 904/HF 659**
* **United Homecare Workers & Clients Collective Bargaining Agreement** recognizes the critical contributions of home care workers with a fair labor contract. **SF 1701/HF 1685**
* **Temporary personal care assistance compensation** extended for services provided by a parent or spouse. **HF1159/SF1093**

**Improving and protecting essential supports and services**

* **Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) licensing bill** establishes a license for professionals in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to ensure quality services and prevent the likelihood of misuse of behavior principles by people with insufficient training. **SF 425/HF 332**
* **Personal Care Assistant/Direct Support Professional care during hospitalization** directs the Department of Human Services to work with stakeholders to create a plan to ensure that Minnesotans who have disabilities can access individualized direct support during hospitalization. **SF 492/HF 976**
* **Child care for children with disabilities** access expansion grants authorized, and money appropriated.  **HF668/ SF1735**

**Supporting individual empowerment and choice**

* **A package of bills to transform disability services and supports** addresses racial inequities, promotes equitable access, and respects individuals’ informed choice as they build belonging in community through competitive integrated employment, homes of their choice, and self-direction. **SF 1092/HF 1347**
* **Reinstate Community Access for the PCA Program** allows PCAs to provide transportation for individuals who are unable to drive themselves, by adding driving to the list of instrumental activities of daily living. **SF 984/HF 1431**